

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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AMENDMENT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10501 OF  
NOVEMBER 5, 1953, RELATING TO SAFEGUARDING  
OFFICIAL INFORMATION IN THE INTERESTS OF THE  
DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States, and as President of the United States, and deeming such action necessary in the best interests of the national security, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Executive Order No. 10501 of November 5, 1953, relating to safeguarding official information in the interests of the defense of the United States, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 4 is amended by adding a new subparagraph at the end thereof, as follows:

"(1) Departments and agencies which do not have authority for original classification. The provisions of this section relating to the declassification of defense material shall apply to departments or agencies which do not, under the terms of this order, have authority for original classification of material, but which have formerly classified material pursuant to Executive Order No. 10290 of September 24, 1951."

2. The first sentence of section 7 is amended to read as follows:

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"Knowledge or possession of classified defense information shall be permitted only to persons whose official duties require such access in the national interest and only if they have been determined to be trustworthy."

3. The first sentence of subparagraph (d) of section 8 is amended to read as follows:

"Confidential defense material shall be transmitted within the continental United States by one of the means established for higher classifications, by registered, certified or first-class mail, or by express or freight under such conditions as may be prescribed by the head of the department or agency concerned."

THE WHITE HOUSE

, 1957.

Memorandum for the Heads of all Departments  
and Agencies of the Government

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My memorandum to you of November 5, 1953, relating to Executive Order No. 10501 of the same date is supplemented by adding to the enumeration of departments and agencies under the heading "Original Classification Authority Eliminated" the following agencies:

- 29. Farm Credit Administration
- 30. Federal Coal Mine Safety  
Board of Review

THE WHITE HOUSE,

, 1957.